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City of Washington)
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District of Columbia)

HAROLD WEISBERG, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I have worked in the State Department and the Office of Strategic Services for a total period of three years. In connection with that work I was investigated, I do not know by what agencies. In connection with my activities in the State Department, I was cleared for secret work and perhaps top secret. Nevertheless on June 23, 1947, I was dismissed summarily without notice and without any statement of charges. I have no knowledge or information concerning the reasons for which I was summarily dismissed and my reputation destroyed. My dismissal notice contained no statement of reasons and referred me to the personnel office. I talked to Mr. Jean, Director of Personnel, and he stated that he had absolutely no information on the subject. Later he referred me to a press release issued by the Department of State concerning ten persons who had been dismissed because of "derogatory" information relating to their "security" and stated that these constituted the reasons for my dismissal.

In all the time I worked at the State Department I have never been questioned by any investigator and have had no indication whatever that any question was raised concerning my complete loyalty and devotion to my country.

I have noted the statement of the Secretary of State that dismissals were because of indirect association with representatives of foreign powers. I state categorically that I have not associated or kept company, directly or indirectly, with anyone known or suspected by me to be the

representative of foreign powers.

I feel I am entitled to charges and an opportunity to meet those charges and to have a hearing at which I can answer the charges. I made a request for such a hearing to Mr. Jean. If Mr. Jean has not already presented this request, I desire it to be made known to the Secretary.

I have no desire to work in any agency where my services are not completely welcome but unless my name is cleared, my opportunity for gainful employment in my profession may be destroyed or severely limited. I have never taken any action which merits the destruction of my reputation in this manner and have always been completely devoted and loyal to my country and to the State Department. I am attaching a statement of my personal history.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July, 1947.

Marguerite E. O'Brien
Notary Public, D.C.

My Commission Expires April 14, 1951.